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SUBJECT: CONGESTION SURCHARGE-PUERTO LIMON

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 4173; STATE 131383

1. THE ARMASAL LINE HAS IN FACT ESTABLISHED
A \$6 PER TON CONGESTION SURCHARGE, EFFECTIVE
JULY 3, 1974 ON CARGO SHIPMENTS ARRIVING AT PUERTO LIMON.

2. BASIC SHIPPING RATES FOR CARGO ARRIVING
FROM U.S. PORTS WERE INCREASED JUNE 1, 1974
BY \$7 PER TON AND OUTBOUND CARGO TO U.S.
PORTS WERE INCREASED BY \$10 PER TON. A
\$10 BUNKERING CHARGE WAS PUT INTO EFFECT IN
FEBRUARY 1974.

3. SERVICE BETWEEN U.S. PORTS AND PUERTO
LIMON IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL
NETHERLANDS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, DELTA LINES
AND ARMASAL LINE. GRAND COLOMBIANA LINE
PRESENTLY, DOES NOT PROVIDE THIS SERVICE.
AVERAGE WAITING TIME FOR VESSELS ARRIVING
AT PUERTO LIMON REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE
48 HRS. REPORTED IN REFTEL A.

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4. APPROXIMATELY 700 METERS OF THE 745

METERS BREAKWATER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE EXPECTED DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT IS NOW AUGUST 1974; FOUR MONTHS LATER THAT ANTICIPATED. ABOUT 200 METERS OF A SECOND 700 METER BREAKWATER IN CIENEGUITA (NEAR PUERTO LIMON) HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BUT CONSTRUCTION ON THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED EARLY IN 1975. THIS PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE A FACILITY FOR THE HANDLING OF CONTAINERS.

5. JUNTA DE ADMINISTRACION PORTUARIA Y DE DESARROLLO ECONOMICO DE LA VERTIENTE ATLANTICA (JAPDEVA) HAS COMPLETED A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE MORE BERTHS (SEE PARAGRAPH 10 REF. A) AND CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY IN 1975.

6. INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A IS STILL CONSIDERED TO BE ACCURATE AND VALID. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF PUERTO LIMON CONTINUES AT A SLOW BUT STEADY PACE AND THE HARBOR CONGESTION IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE SUBSTANTIALY RELIEVED FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS.
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